



LITTLE POND (Plymouth)

General Information:

This is an infertile, 43-acre cold water pond characterized by a sandy bottom, scant aquatic vegetation, and clear water transparent to 12 feet. Average depth is 19 feet and the maximum depth is 51 feet. The shoreline (1.2 miles) is lightly developed with year round homes.

The pond is located off South Meadow Road just east of Route 3. Access is an unpaved launch area off Summer Street suitable for trailer boats. The unpaved parking area can accommodate roughly 10 cars. The town of Plymouth has jurisdiction over the launching and parking areas

This pond was reclaimed in 1954, 1957, 1961 and 1970. Due to chronic acidification, it was treated with 25 tones of limestone in 1969, another 20 tons in 1982. Although management is directed at a "put and take" trout fishery, this pond retains enough cold water through the summer months to carry trout over from year to year.

Fish Populations:

The fish population was last sampled in June of 1981. Seven species were found at that time. Listed in order of sampling abundance they are largemouth bass, pumpkinseed, brook trout, yellow perch, smallmouth bass and golden shiner. Depending on what is available for stocking, other trout may be present as well, and as of 1992, there are also broodstock Atlantic salmon.

Fishing:

This pond is primarily a trout fishery and receives ample stockings of brook, brown and rainbow trout in the spring and fall. It was also stocked with broodstock Atlantic salmon in 1992 and 1993, and will continue to be stocked with these large fish so long as the hatchery surplus is available. In summer, the cold layer of water holding salmonids is located in a zone from 19 to 30 feet.

The warm water fishery here is secondary. The infertility of the water appears to limit bass and panfish growth. Most largemouths sampled were around 12 inches, smallmouths were scarce and even smaller, and most of the yellow perch were less than 10 inches.

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